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Juneteenth at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

On Saturday June 11, 2011 from 10am to 4pm, Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park will host its annual Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, site of the only California town to be fully founded, financed and governed by African Americans, is located approximately 42 miles northwest of Bakersfield.

On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that all slaves were now free.

Come join the celebration with guest speakers, great entertainment, arts, crafts, and food vendors, and docents, in period attire, giving tours of some of the 22 historic buildings.

The park entrance fee is \$8.00 per passenger vehicle, \$50.00 for a bus with 24 passengers and less, and \$100.00 for a bus with 25 passengers and more.

For more information and directions to the park, please call or email park staff at the numbers above.

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